

Remarks

As stated above, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

In the subject application, claims 14-20, 25, 28, and 31-45 are pending. Claims 14, 25, 28, and 31 are independent claims, and claims 15-20 and 32-45 are dependent. Applicants respectfully submit that since claims 1-13, 21-24, 26-27, and 29-30 were cancelled in response to the Restriction Requirement of September 11, 2008, Applicants are not required to reproduce the text of those claims in the listing of claims above. Applicants have amended claims 14, 25, 28, and 31.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14-15, 19-20, 25, 28, 31-33, 37-40, and 44-45 stand rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghoneimy (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0078373, hereinafter "Ghoneimy") in view of Rice (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0174010, hereinafter "Rice"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that Ghoneimy and Rice, whether viewed separately or in combination, do not teach each and every limitation of Applicants' amended independent claim 14. Applicants' amended independent claim 14 is provided below for the Examiner's convenience:

14. (Original) A system of administrator tools for defining a subscription in a workflow, enterprise and mail-enabled application server, comprising:

a developer defined template file of design elements initializing design of said subscription;

a server side user interface responsive to said template file for defining an offline configuration document for said subscription; and

a server side user interface responsive to said template file for defining offline security for said subscription, wherein said subscription is a collection of databases including off-line web applications with synchronization schedules, accessible with an off-line instantiation. (See Applicants' claim 14, as amended).

Applicants respectfully submit that Ghoneimy does not teach "a server side user interface responsive to said template file for defining offline security for said subscription, **wherein said subscription is a collection of databases including off-line web applications with synchronization schedules, accessible with an off-line instantiation**". See Applicants' claim 14, as amended; the subject action, page 6. Support Applicants' amendment to claim 14 may be found at least at paragraphs [0140] and [0167], and Figure 8 of the subject application, as published. Paragraphs [0140] and [0167], and Figure 8 of the subject application, as published, are provided below for the Examiner's convenience:

[0140] This invention provides an API for Notes for off-line operation. A preferred embodiment of this invention provides a web site with custom DLLs for delivery with iNotes. The iNotes programs are delivered to offline clients along with subscriptions. The preferred embodiment of this invention also provides server extensions (custom code) for download with iNotes. **A subscription is, in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the invention, a secured (that is, ACL protected) database or collection of databases containing off-line web applications with synchronization schedules and with which an authorized user may interact, either on-line or with an off-line instantiation.** (See the subject application, as published, paragraph [0140]; emphasis added).

[0167] In accordance with the preferred embodiment of the invention, subscription 136 includes subscription main database 140, required databases 142, and optional databases 144. These databases represent a collection of off-line applications with which authorized users may interact at client 100. (See the subject application, as published, paragraph [0167]).

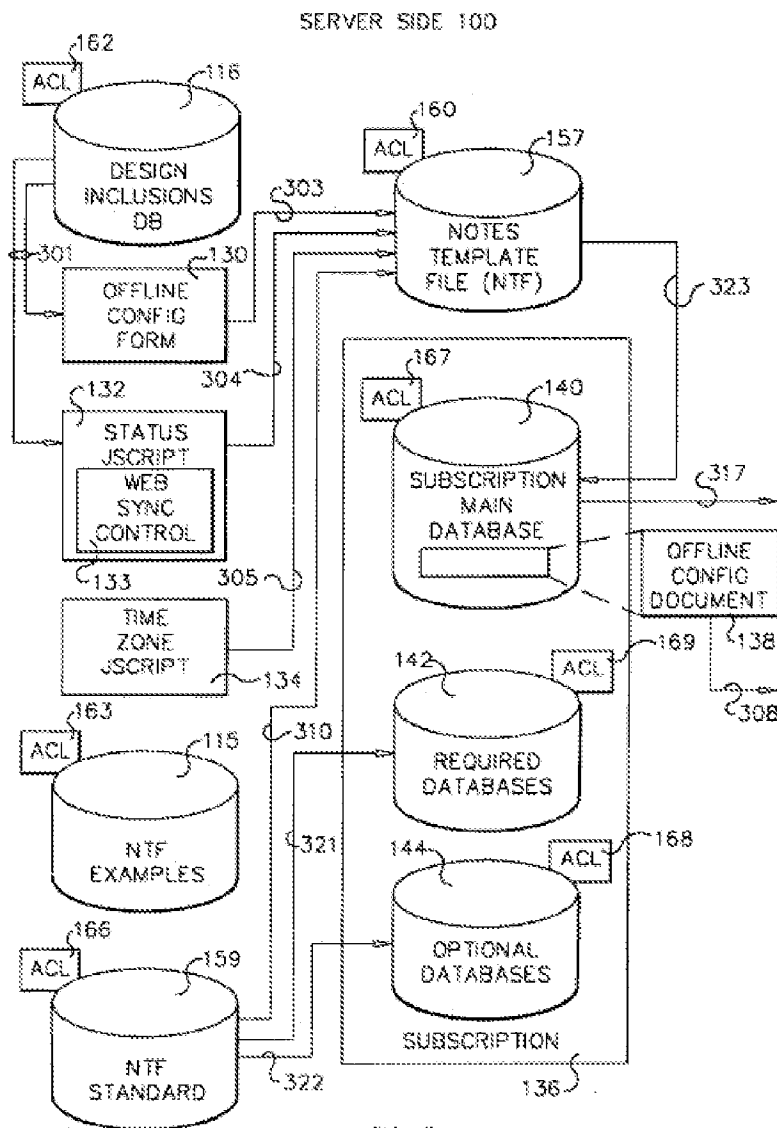


FIG. 8

It is Applicants' understanding that the Examiner believes Ghoneimy teaches a subscription that is a secured database, *but not* a subscription, "wherein said subscription is a collection of databases including off-line web applications with synchronization schedules, accessible with an off-line instantiation" as recited in Applicants' amended claim 14. *See* the subject action, page 6. The Examiner states:

Ghoneimy teaches a subscription because it has a secured database that limits its access to only authenticate. (see Ghoneimy, paragraph 0041). **Ghoneimy's database fits the definition of the subscription in the specification because it only requires a subscription to be a secured database.** (see Applicants specification paragraph 0140;

A subscription is . . . a secured database ***OR*** collection of database[s] containing offline web application[s] with synchronization schedules and with which authorized . . .) (*See* the subject action, page 6; emphasis added).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner agrees that Ghoneimy does not teach "wherein said subscription is a collection of databases including off-line web applications with synchronization schedules, accessible with an off-line instantiation" as recited in Applicants' amended claim 14.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Ghoneimy and Rice, whether viewed separately, or in combination, do not teach "a server side user interface responsive to said template file for defining offline security for said subscription, **wherein said subscription is a collection of databases including off-line web applications with synchronization schedules, accessible with an off-line instantiation**" as recited in Applicants' amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicants' respectfully submit that the references cited do not teach each and every limitation of Applicants' amended independent claim 14. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claim 14 is in condition for allowance. Since independent claims 25, 28, and 31 include similar limitations to that of independent claim 14, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 25, 28, and 31 are in condition for allowance as well. Further, since the remaining claims depend from either independent claim 14 or 31, Applicants respectfully submit that those claims are in condition for allowance also. As such, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 14-20, 25, 28, and 31-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Having overcome all of the outstanding rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants believe that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for

patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper.

In light of the above-described remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the subject application is in condition for allowance. While Applicants respectfully assert that the subject application is now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (617-305-2143) to facilitate prosecution of this application. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 50-2324.

Respectfully submitted,

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